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16 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
17 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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19 **THE REGENTS OF THE**
20 **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,**

21 Plaintiff,

22 vs.

23 **AMAZON.COM, INC. and**
AMAZON.COM SERVICES, INC.,

24 Defendants.
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Case No. 2:19-cv-6571

**COMPLAINT FOR
PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

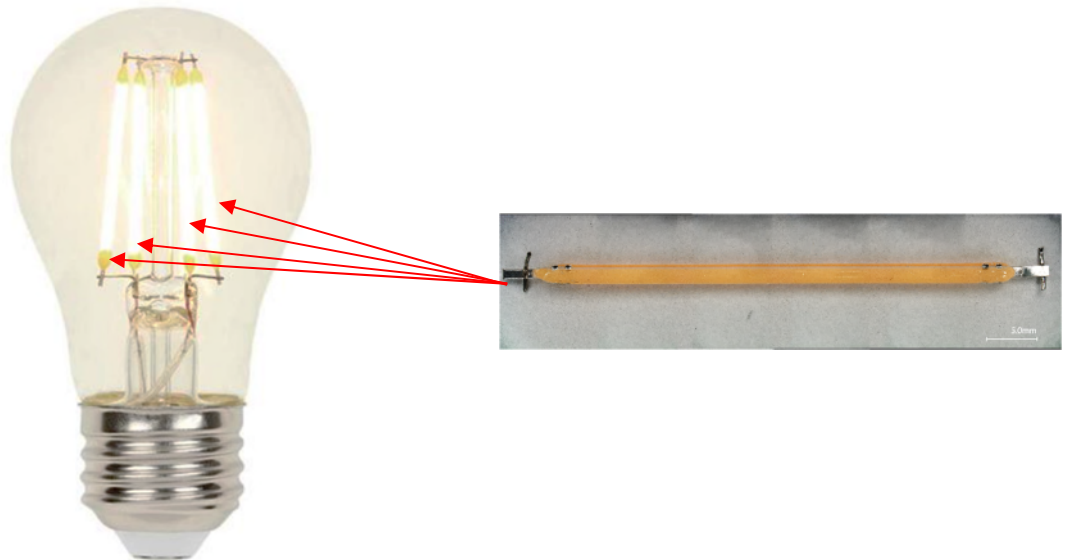
1 Plaintiff The Regents of the University of California (“The Regents”) alleges
2 as follows for its Complaint against Defendants Amazon.com, Inc. and
3 Amazon.com Services, Inc. (collectively, the “Defendants”):

4 **INTRODUCTION**

5 1. This is an action for patent infringement arising under 35 U.S.C. § 1 *et*
6 *seq.* This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and
7 1338(a).

8 2. This case is about protecting the reinvention of the light bulb by a
9 Nobel laureate-led team at the University of California, Santa Barbara
10 (“UC Santa Barbara”), the theft of that technology by unlicensed foreign
11 manufacturers, and the Defendants’ trafficking in infringing imports without proper
12 compensation to The Regents.

13 3. Specifically, at issue is the Defendants’ infringement of The Regents’
14 United States Patents 7,781,789 (“789 patent”), 9,240,529 (“529 patent”),
15 9,859,464 (“464 patent”), and 10,217,916 (“916 patent”) (collectively, the
16 “Asserted Patents”), which are fundamental to a new generation of light bulbs
17 commonly referred to as “filament” LED light bulbs (illustrated below).



28 **Filament LED Light Bulb**

Filament LED

1 4. The Regents brings this Complaint to spearhead a broader, national
2 response to the existential threat to university technology transfer that is posed by
3 the widespread disregard for university patent rights that is prevalent today.

4 5. Universities and research institutions across the country have
5 established technology transfer offices to identify, protect, and license the
6 intellectual property developed by their faculty, students, and other researchers.
7 These offices sit at the interface between academia and the private sector. They
8 leverage an interdisciplinary collection of skills to transform the fruits of a
9 university's research into commercial products and services by establishing and
10 nurturing relationships between the university, where the research is conducted, and
11 entities in the private sector, which manufacture and sell products embodying the
12 university's research. While as much an art as it is a science, the success of any
13 technology transfer program is predicated on the private sector respecting the
14 university's intellectual property rights.

15 6. However, overseas manufacturers routinely take unfair advantage of
16 academic openness. They exploit university intellectual property abroad with
17 impunity and then traffic infringing goods into the U.S. market through what are
18 often complex supply chains. By flooding the domestic market with unauthorized
19 products, they cripple the ability of technology transfer programs to effectively
20 license universities' intellectual property. This undermines the universities' rightful
21 opportunity to share in the revenue generated through commercialization of their
22 intellectual property – revenue that would support further research, education, and
23 development of cutting-edge technologies and new scientific insights that benefit
24 the public.

25 7. This case is a classic example of that very scenario. The Regents has
26 expended and continues to expend significant resources to engineer, research,
27 develop, and license the inventions that are the subject of this case, only to see
28 those inventions stolen by unlicensed foreign manufacturers, imported into the

1 U.S., and sold to an unwitting domestic consuming public by retailers that have the
2 power to require their supply chains to respect The Regents' intellectual property
3 but have not done so.

4 8. Filament LED light bulbs may include a variety of filament LED
5 configurations while still infringing the Asserted Patents, such as, without
6 limitation, different shapes of filaments (*e.g.*, spiral instead of linear), different
7 numbers of filaments, and different lengths of filaments. All such configurations are
8 included in the term "filament LED" as used in this Complaint.

9 9. The Regents has obtained and analyzed samples of filament LED light
10 bulbs across a variety of retailers and brands, including but not limited to the
11 Defendants and their AmazonBasics branded products. All filament LED light
12 bulbs The Regents has analyzed to date infringe at least one claim of the Asserted
13 Patents. Accordingly, The Regents is informed and believes that filament LEDs
14 have been commoditized by mass unlicensed manufacture and that substantially all
15 filament LED light bulbs from unlicensed sources infringe at least one claim of the
16 Asserted Patents.*

17 10. The Regents brings this Complaint seeking just compensation for the
18 use of the inventions claimed in the Asserted Patents consistent with The Regents'
19 duty to serve as trustee for the people of the State of California and as steward of
20 the University of California in fulfillment of its educational, research, and public
21 service missions in the best interests of the people of the State of California.

22 **BACKGROUND OF FILAMENT LED LIGHT BULBS**

23 11. The invention of the incandescent light bulb more than a century ago
24 so profoundly changed the world that the light bulb became the very icon of
25 invention. Reflecting Thomas Edison's enduring fame for inventing the light bulb,
26 many products on the market today that infringe the Asserted Patents are called
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28 *Asterisks indicate allegations made upon information and belief.

1 “Edison” or “vintage” LED light bulbs because they resemble Edison’s iconic light
2 bulbs with glowing filaments visible inside glass bulbs.

3 12. The patented filament LED technology invented at UC Santa Barbara
4 enables light bulbs that replace traditional incandescent light bulbs and, in contrast,
5 use a tiny fraction of the energy, don’t get hot, break less easily, and last up to ten
6 or twenty years. Further, unlike compact fluorescent light bulb substitutes for
7 incandescent light bulbs, the patented filament LED technology does not contain
8 the toxic material mercury.*

9 13. Over the life of a filament LED light bulb, the inventions of the
10 Asserted Patents yield savings in energy and replacement costs, relative to
11 comparable incandescent light bulbs, that far exceed the cost of the filament LED
12 light bulb itself. For example, the Defendants’ web page for the infringing
13 AmazonBasics 60 Watt 15,000 Hours Dimmable 800 Lumens LED CEC Clear
14 Light Bulb touts energy savings up to \$84.98 over the 13-year life of the product
15 compared with its incandescent equivalent—in a product the Defendants sell for
16 \$18.24 per 6-pack as reflected below and in Exhibit A, discussed below.



AmazonBasics 60 Watt 15,000 Hours Dimmable 800 Lumens LED CEC Clear Light Bulb - Pack of 6, Soft White
by AmazonBasics

★★★★★ 114 customer reviews | 12 answered questions

Price: **\$18.24** FREE Shipping on orders over \$25 shipped by Amazon or get **Fast, Free**
Shipping with Amazon Prime & FREE Returns

Style: 60 Watt - CEC compliant

40 Watt 60 Watt **60 Watt - CEC compliant** 75 Watt 100 Watt

Size: 6-Pack

6-Pack 2-Pack

Color: Clear, Soft White



- Manufactured to meet California Energy Commission requirements for LED light bulbs
- With a life of 15,000 hours, the bulb will last over 13 years (based on 3 hours of use each day). Provides 800 lumens of light immediately, with no waiting time to warm up to full brightness.
- With a correlated color temperature of 2700 Kelvin, the bulb provides a soft white light, creating a comfortable atmosphere for any room
- This LED light bulb uses only 8.5 watts of energy, saving up to \$84.98 over the life of the bulb vs. its incandescent equivalent (based on 3 hours/day, 11 cents/kWh, may vary depending on rates and use)
- This bulb costs only \$1.02 per year to operate (based on 3 hours/day, 11 cents/kWh) making it an economical alternative to incandescent bulbs

See more product details

Compare with similar items

1 See: [https://www.amazon.com/AmazonBasics-Equivalent-Dimmable-Compliant-6-](https://www.amazon.com/AmazonBasics-Equivalent-Dimmable-Compliant-6-Pack/dp/B07JLZKQB5)
2 [Pack/dp/B07JLZKQB5](https://www.amazon.com/AmazonBasics-Equivalent-Dimmable-Compliant-6-Pack/dp/B07JLZKQB5) (visited on July 2, 2019).

3 14. Moreover, compared with other LED light bulb designs, filament LED
4 light bulbs are more energy efficient and aesthetically pleasing due to the
5 advantages conferred by the inventions of the Asserted Patents.*

6 15. The United States retail market has demonstrated tremendous
7 customer demand for the aesthetic, economic, and environmental benefits conferred
8 by the inventions of the Asserted Patents: while filament LED light bulbs only
9 became widely available in the United States in about 2014 or 2015, sales of
10 filament LED light bulbs are expected to exceed \$1,000,000,000 in the United
11 States in 2019.*

12 16. Unfortunately, the filament LED light bulb industry has stolen The
13 Regents' patented technology with utter disregard for The Regents' patent rights.
14 Substantially all of the infringing filament LED light bulbs The Regents has found
15 on the retail market in the United States reflect China as the country of origin.

16 17. For that reason, among others, The Regents seeks relief in this case for
17 retail sales of infringing filament LED light bulbs in the United States, where
18 consumers pay a premium over comparable incandescent light bulbs because of the
19 benefits of the inventions claimed in the Asserted Patents. As a major retailer in the
20 United States, the Defendants have the means and responsibility to ensure the
21 compliance of their supply chain with applicable laws. However, the Defendants
22 have not upheld that responsibility with respect to filament LED light bulbs and
23 instead have provided an illegal outlet for infringing products from unlicensed
24 foreign sources, depriving The Regents of compensation to which it is lawfully
25 entitled for the use of the inventions claimed in the Asserted Patents.

26 **PARTIES**

27 18. The Regents is a California constitutional corporation with a principal
28 place of business in Oakland, California, and is the owner of all substantial rights in

1 the Asserted Patents. The Regents is charged with the duty of administering the
2 University of California as a public trust, pursuant to Article IX Section 9 of the
3 California Constitution. UC Santa Barbara is an internationally recognized
4 pioneering research institution located in the Central District of California and is
5 one of the ten campuses that make up the University of California System. All
6 University of California actions are done in The Regents' name, including owning
7 property such as patents and other intellectual property and entering into contracts.

8 19. Amazon.com, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with corporate
9 headquarters in Seattle, Washington, and with numerous physical facilities and
10 extensive operations in California, including in the Central District of California.
11 According to the Amazon blog post at [https://www.aboutamazon.com/investing-in-](https://www.aboutamazon.com/investing-in-the-u-s)
12 [the-u-s](https://www.aboutamazon.com/investing-in-the-u-s) (visited on July 2, 2019), Amazon's main investments in California include:

- 13 • 231 Fulfillment and Sortation Centers in Tracy, Newark, San Bernardino,
14 Moreno Valley, Redlands, Fresno, Brisbane, Buena Park, Eastvale, Rialto,
15 Riverside, Sacramento, Stockton, Vacaville, and Vernon
- 16 • 9 Prime Now Hubs in San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Berkeley,
17 Sacramento, Los Angeles -- Redondo Beach, Santa Monica, Irvine, and
18 Silver Lake
- 19 • 3 Tech Hubs in the Bay Area and Los Angeles
- 20 • Campus Pick-Up locations in Long Beach, Davis, San Diego, Los Angeles,
21 Goleta, Irvine, and Berkeley
- 22 • 6 Amazon Books stores in Walnut Creek, San Jose, Los Angeles, and San
23 Diego
- 24 • 1 Amazon 4-Star store location
- 25 • 18 Amazon Pop-Up store locations
- 26 • 10 Pick-up points
- 27 • 2 Amazon Go store locations
- 28 • 13 Solar energy systems

- 1 • 88 Whole Foods Market store locations
- 2 • 4 Amazon Air hubs

3 Amazon.com, Inc. may be served through its registered agent for service of process
4 at Corporation Service Company, 251 Little Falls Drive, Wilmington, Delaware
5 19808.

6 20. Amazon.com Services, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with numerous
7 physical fulfillment and sortation centers in California, including in the Central
8 District of California. Amazon.com Services, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of
9 Amazon.com, Inc. As such, the accounts of Amazon.com Services, Inc. are
10 included in the consolidated financial statements for Amazon.com, Inc., according
11 to Amazon.com, Inc.'s Form 10-K Annual Report for the fiscal year ended
12 December 31, 2018. Amazon.com Services, Inc. is registered to do business in
13 California and has appointed as its registered agent for service of process
14 Corporation Service Company, which does business in California as CSC –
15 Lawyers Incorporating Service, at 2710 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 150N,
16 Sacramento, California 95833.

17 21. Amazon.com, Inc. and Amazon Services, Inc. are each individually
18 liable and are jointly and severally liable for infringement of the Asserted Patents.
19 Under theories of alter ego, single business enterprise liability, and agency, the
20 conduct of each can be attributed to and considered the conduct of the others for
21 purposes of infringement of the Asserted Patents. Amazon.com, Inc. and Amazon
22 Services, Inc. have in the past and continue to hold themselves out as a single entity
23 – “Amazon” – acting in concert, with knowledge of each other's actions and control
24 over each other.

25 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

26 22. As alleged in Paragraph 1 pursuant to Central District of California
27 L.R. 8-1, this Court has original and exclusive subject matter jurisdiction pursuant
28 to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

1 23. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendants because their
2 contacts with the Central District of California are significant and pervasive and
3 directly give rise to part of this dispute. The Defendants have numerous regular and
4 established office, retail, and fulfillment facilities located throughout the Central
5 District of California.

6 24. Venue is proper in the Central District of California under 28 U.S.C. §
7 1400(b) because the Defendants have engaged in infringement of the Asserted
8 Patents, and have numerous regular and established office, retail, and fulfillment
9 locations, throughout the Central District of California. For example, attached as
10 Exhibit A is a copy of receipts for infringing first party sales by the Defendants in
11 the Central District of California. The infringing products listed on Exhibit A were
12 fulfilled via regular and established places of business of the Defendants, *i.e.*,
13 fulfillment and distribution facilities, located in the Central District of California,
14 including in Rosemead and San Bernardino.*

15 **UC SANTA BARBARA'S WORLD CLASS LED RESEARCH**

16 25. UC Santa Barbara proudly counts among its current and late faculty
17 six Nobel Laureates, one Fields Medal recipient, twenty-nine members of the
18 National Academy of Sciences, twenty-seven members of the National Academy of
19 Engineering, and thirty-one members of the Academy of Arts and Sciences.
20 UC Santa Barbara receives over \$180,000,000 per year to support its research
21 efforts from both public and private sources.

22 26. UC Santa Barbara also is the home of a world-renowned Materials
23 Department that is dedicated to solving tomorrow's problems in electronic and
24 photonic materials, inorganic materials, macromolecular and biomolecular
25 materials, and structural materials. UC Santa Barbara's Materials Department has
26 consistently ranked in the top two in the nation in various studies, including by the
27 National Research Council and U.S. News & World Report. In addition, according
28 to Thomson Reuters, Materials research at UC Santa Barbara ranks second in the

1 world in terms of citation impact—a method for comparing the quality of research.
2 The citing of a scholar’s research (as represented by a published scientific paper) in
3 another researcher’s published work is viewed as a strong indication of the
4 importance of the original work and the influence it might have.

5 27. UC Santa Barbara’s Materials Department has nine separate affiliated
6 research centers, including the California NanoSystems Institute, the Center for
7 Multifunctional Materials and Structures, the Center for Stem Cell Biology and
8 Engineering, the Dow Materials Institute, the Institute for Collaborative
9 Biotechnologies, the Institute for Energy Efficiency, the Materials Research
10 Laboratory, the Mitsubishi Chemical Center for Advanced Materials, and the Solid
11 State Lighting and Energy Electronics Center (“SSLEEC”).

12 28. SSLEEC is the home of nearly two decades of visionary research into
13 solid state lighting and power switching. Recognizing the need for energy-efficient
14 lighting technologies, The Regents, along with industry partners, has funded
15 groundbreaking research at SSLEEC and its predecessor entities that have led to
16 more energy-efficient solutions for lighting, cell phones, computers, appliances,
17 automobiles, industrial equipment, and power distribution systems. SSLEEC
18 research helps solve some of the world’s most critical problems by meaningfully
19 reducing energy consumption and waste associated with light bulbs and other
20 necessities of daily life.

21 29. SSLEEC consists of approximately a dozen faculty members, thirty
22 graduate students, and twenty staff, including internationally recognized researchers
23 and visiting scholars. The faculty and staff of SSLEEC and its predecessors have
24 published thousands of peer-reviewed publications and have amassed a portfolio of
25 over 250 issued patents. Since its inception, SSLEEC has conferred approximately
26 100 Ph.D. degrees.

27 30. Professor Shuji Nakamura is a tenured professor at UC Santa Barbara,
28 a co-Director of SSLEEC, and an inventor of each of the Asserted Patents. In 2014,

1 Professor Nakamura was honored as the co-recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physics.
2 He began researching high-efficiency blue LEDs (which are necessary to create
3 white light with LEDs) in the late 1980's, and his former employer began selling
4 white LEDs enabled by his invention in the mid-1990's. In addition to the 2014
5 Nobel Prize in Physics, Professor Nakamura has received numerous other awards
6 for his work in the field of LED lighting, including the Nishina Memorial Award
7 (1996), the Materials Research Society Medal Award (1997), the Institute of
8 Electrical and Electronics Engineers Jack A. Morton Award (1998), the British
9 Rank Prize (1998), the Benjamin Franklin Medal Award (2002), the Millennium
10 Technology Prize (2006), the Czocharlski Award (2007), the Prince of Asturias
11 Award for Technical Scientific Research (2008), The Harvey Award (2009), and
12 the Technology & Engineering Emmy Award (2012) awarded by The National
13 Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS). He was elected as a fellow of
14 the U.S. National Academy of Engineering in 2003. He received the 2014 Order of
15 Culture Award in Japan and was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame
16 in 2015. That same year, Professor Nakamura received the Charles Stark Draper
17 Prize for Engineering and the Global Energy Prize in Russia. In July 2016, he was
18 elected to Academia Sinica, Taiwan's preeminent research institution. Professor
19 Nakamura has been a professor at UC Santa Barbara since 2000 and is an inventor
20 of more than 200 United States patents in addition to over 175 Japanese patents. He
21 has published over 550 papers in his field.

22 31. Professor Steven DenBaars is a tenured professor at UC Santa Barbara,
23 a co-Director of SSLEEC, and an inventor of each of the Asserted Patents.
24 Professor DenBaars is The Mitsubishi Chemical Professor in Solid State Lighting
25 & Display at UC Santa Barbara. Prior to UC Santa Barbara, he was an engineer at
26 Hewlett-Packard Optoelectronics, where he contributed to the growth and
27 fabrication of visible LEDs, focusing specifically on high brightness red LEDs. He
28 joined UC Santa Barbara in 1991 and helped pioneer the field of solid-state

1 lighting, including the first United States university demonstration of a Blue
2 Gallium Nitride laser diode. Professor DenBaars is the recipient of the National
3 Scientist Foundation Young Investigator Award (1994), the Institute of Electrical
4 and Electronics Engineering Fellow Award (2005) and the IEEE Aron Kressel
5 Award (2010). Professor DenBaars is a fellow of the National Academy of
6 Engineering (NAE) and the National Academy of Inventors (NAI). He has
7 published over 800 papers and is an inventor of over 175 patents.

8 32. Professor James Speck co-founded SSLEEC with Professors Shuji
9 Nakamura and Steven DenBaars and is an inventor of one of the Asserted Patents.
10 Professor Speck has been a member of the UC Santa Barbara faculty since 1990.
11 He holds the Seoul Semiconductor Chair in Solid State Lighting at UC Santa
12 Barbara. Professor Speck is a member of the Materials Research Society, the
13 American Physical Society, and the Microscopy Society of America. Professor
14 Speck received the Quantum Device Award from the International Symposium on
15 Compound Semiconductors in 2007, was named an inaugural Materials Research
16 Society Fellow in 2008, and received the Japanese Journal of Applied Physics Best
17 Paper Award in 2008. In 2009, he became an American Physical Society Fellow. In
18 2010, he received the IEEE Photonics Society Aron Kressel Award for his work on
19 nonpolar and semipolar Gallium Nitride-based materials and devices. Professor
20 Speck has authored over 600 papers and is an inventor of over 100 patents.

21 33. Research at SSLEEC and its predecessor entities has resulted in major
22 technological breakthroughs in the field of solid state lighting. This research has
23 also led to numerous successful startup companies that have created hundreds of
24 jobs.

25 34. For example, in 2007, researchers at SSLEEC's predecessor fabricated
26 a gallium nitride-based LED with the highest efficiency and output power ever
27 reported at the time. They achieved this feat by developing an LED based on non-
28 polar gallium nitride, which has a crystal structure arranged in the m-plane, rather

1 than the conventional c-plane gallium nitride LEDs known at the time. These non-
2 polar gallium nitride LEDs were more efficient and able to handle higher currents
3 than anything available at the time.

4 35. As another example, in 2012, researchers at SSLEEC's predecessor
5 achieved the world's first violet non-polar vertical-cavity surface-emitting laser
6 ("VCSEL"), which was based on m-plane gallium nitride semiconductors. These
7 VCSELs were able to operate at room temperature and provide high optical gain,
8 which increases optical efficiency. This breakthrough also could result in greatly
9 reduced manufacturing costs, to be used in a variety of applications including
10 lighting, displays, sensors, and any technology that requires energy efficiency and a
11 small form-factor.

12 36. Additionally, in 2013, SSLEEC researchers, including Professor
13 DenBaars, developed guidelines to make it possible to optimize phosphors—a key
14 component in white LED lighting—allowing for brighter, more efficient lights.
15 This breakthrough put high-efficiency, high-brightness, solid-state lighting on a fast
16 track.

17 37. The filament LED technology covered by the Asserted Patents is
18 another example of the results of SSLEEC's groundbreaking research. The Asserted
19 Patents cover some of the important innovations of Professors Nakamura,
20 DenBaars, and Speck, including those that use transparent LED structures and
21 packaging to enable filament LED light bulbs.

22 **ASSERTED PATENTS**

23 38. On August 24, 2010, the United States Patent and Trademark Office
24 duly and properly issued the '789 patent, which is entitled "Transparent Mirrorless
25 Light Emitting Diode". The Regents owns by assignment all rights, title, and
26 interest in the '789 patent. A true and correct copy of the '789 patent is attached as
27 Exhibit B to this Complaint.
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39. On January 19, 2016, the United States Patent and Trademark Office duly and properly issued the '529 patent, which is entitled "Textured Phosphor Conversion Layer Light Emitting Diode". The Regents owns by assignment all rights, title, and interest in the '529 patent. A true and correct copy of the '529 patent is attached as Exhibit C to this Complaint.

40. On January 2, 2018, the United States Patent and Trademark Office duly and properly issued the '464 patent, which is entitled "Light Emitting Diode With Light Extracted From Front And Back Sides Of A Lead Frame". The Regents owns by assignment all rights, title, and interest in the '464 patent. A true and correct copy of the '464 patent is attached as Exhibit D to this Complaint.

41. On February 26, 2019, the United States Patent and Trademark Office duly and properly issued the '916 patent, which is entitled "Transparent Light Emitting Diodes". The Regents owns by assignment all rights, title, and interest in the '916 patent. A true and correct copy of the '916 patent is attached as Exhibit E to this Complaint.

ACCUSED PRODUCTS

42. Each product listed below, which are reflected on the receipts attached as Exhibit A, and every other product that includes a filament LED component not more than colorably different from the filament LED components in the products listed below (collectively, the "Accused Products"), meets each and every limitation of at least one claim of each of the Asserted Patents, literally or by equivalents:*

- AmazonBasics 60W Equivalent, Clear, Soft White, Dimmable, CEC Compliant, A19 LED Light Bulb, 6-Pack,
- AmazonBasics 60W Equivalent, Clear, Daylight, Dimmable, CEC Compliant, A19 LED Light Bulb, 6-Pack,
- AmazonBasics 60W Equivalent, Clear, Soft White, Dimmable, CEC Compliant, B11 (E12 Candelabra Base) LED Light Bulb, 3-Pack,

- 1 • Newhouse Lighting S14LED3 Outdoor Weatherproof Shatterproof 1W
- 2 Curved S14 LED Filament Replacement String Light Bulbs Standard Base,
- 3 Mimics Original Incandescent, 3 Pack, Black, 3 Piece,
- 4 • Westinghouse Lighting 3518300 LED Bulb, Single Pack,
- 5 • Satco S9582 LED Filament Warm White,
- 6 • Asencia FG-03681 40 Watt Equivalent G25 Globe Clear All Glass Vintage
- 7 Filament Dimmable LED Light Bulb, Soft White, 6-Pack,
- 8 • Asencia FG-03682 60 Watt Equivalent G25 Globe Clear All Glass Vintage
- 9 Filament Dimmable LED Light Bulb, Soft White, 6-Pack,
- 10 • Asencia FG-03666 40 Watt Equivalent A19 Clear All Glass Vintage
- 11 Filament Dimmable LED Light Bulb, Soft White, 6-Pack, and
- 12 • Philips LED Indoor/Outdoor A19 Clear Glass Dimmable Filament Light
- 13 Bulb with Warm Glow Effect: 800-Lumen, 2700-2200 Kelvin, 8.5-Watt (60-
- 14 Watt Equivalent), E26 Medium Base, Soft White, 6-Pack.

15 43. The Regents needs discovery from the Defendants to identify all of the
 16 Accused Products that the Defendants have used, offered to sell, sold, or imported
 17 into the United States and for which The Regents will seek relief in this case.

18 44. Each of the Accused Products listed above is labeled on the product or
 19 packaging “Made in China” or “Assembled in China”.

20 **CLAIM I: INFRINGEMENT OF THE '789 PATENT**

21 45. The Regents repeats and realleges the allegations of the foregoing
 22 Paragraphs 1 through 44 as if fully set forth herein.

23 46. The Defendants have infringed at least one claim of the '789 patent
 24 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271(a) and/or 271(g), literally and/or under the doctrine of
 25 equivalents, in connection with using, offering to sell, selling, and/or importing into
 26 the United States the Accused Products.

27 47. Attached as Exhibit F is a claim chart demonstrating infringement of
 28 representative claims of the '789 patent by a representative Accused Product sold

1 by the Defendants, namely, the AmazonBasics 60W Equivalent, Clear, Soft White,
2 Dimmable, CEC Compliant, B11 (E12 Candelabra Base) LED Light Bulb.
3 Exhibit F is for illustrative pleading purposes only and is not intended to limit the
4 patent claims asserted or the Accused Products at issue in this case. Subject to
5 receiving discovery from the Defendants regarding all of the Accused Products they
6 have used, offered to sell, sold, or imported into the United States, The Regents will
7 disclose its contentions regarding the claims of the '789 patent that are infringed
8 and the Accused Products for which The Regents seeks relief.

9 48. The Defendants' infringement of the '789 patent has caused and will
10 continue to cause The Regents substantial monetary harm, for which The Regents is
11 entitled to receive compensatory damages in an amount to be determined at trial,
12 but in no event less than a reasonable royalty.

13 **CLAIM II: INFRINGEMENT OF THE '529 PATENT**

14 49. The Regents repeats and realleges the allegations of the foregoing
15 Paragraphs 1 through 48 as if fully set forth herein.

16 50. The Defendants have infringed at least one claim of the '529 patent
17 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271(a) and/or 271(g), literally and/or under the doctrine of
18 equivalents, in connection with using, offering to sell, selling, and/or importing into
19 the United States the Accused Products.

20 51. Attached as Exhibit G is a claim chart demonstrating infringement of
21 representative claims of the '529 patent by a representative Accused Product sold
22 by the Defendants, namely, the AmazonBasics 60W Equivalent, Clear, Soft White,
23 Dimmable, CEC Compliant, B11 (E12 Candelabra Base) LED Light Bulb.
24 Exhibit G is for illustrative pleading purposes only and is not intended to limit the
25 patent claims asserted or the Accused Products at issue in this case. Subject to
26 receiving discovery from the Defendants regarding all of the Accused Products they
27 have used, offered to sell, sold, or imported into the United States, The Regents will
28 disclose its contentions regarding the claims of the '529 patent that are infringed

1 and the Accused Products for which The Regents seeks relief.

2 52. The Defendants' infringement of the '529 patent has caused and will
3 continue to cause The Regents substantial monetary harm, for which The Regents is
4 entitled to receive compensatory damages in an amount to be determined at trial,
5 but in no event less than a reasonable royalty.

6 **CLAIM III: INFRINGEMENT OF THE '464 PATENT**

7 53. The Regents repeats and realleges the allegations of the foregoing
8 Paragraphs 1 through 52 as if fully set forth herein.

9 54. The Defendants have infringed at least one claim of the '464 patent
10 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271(a) and/or 271(g), literally and/or under the doctrine of
11 equivalents, in connection with using, offering to sell, selling, and/or importing into
12 the United States the Accused Products.

13 55. Attached as Exhibit H is a claim chart demonstrating infringement of
14 representative claims of the '464 patent by a representative Accused Product sold
15 by the Defendants, namely, the AmazonBasics 60W Equivalent, Clear, Soft White,
16 Dimmable, CEC Compliant, B11 (E12 Candelabra Base) LED Light Bulb.
17 Exhibit H is for illustrative pleading purposes only and is not intended to limit the
18 patent claims asserted or the Accused Products at issue in this case. Subject to
19 receiving discovery from the Defendants regarding all of the Accused Products they
20 have used, offered to sell, sold, or imported into the United States, The Regents will
21 disclose its contentions regarding the claims of the '464 patent that are infringed
22 and the Accused Products for which The Regents seeks relief.

23 56. The Defendants' infringement of the '464 patent has caused and will
24 continue to cause The Regents substantial monetary harm, for which The Regents is
25 entitled to receive compensatory damages in an amount to be determined at trial,
26 but in no event less than a reasonable royalty.

CLAIM IV: INFRINGEMENT OF THE '916 PATENT

57. The Regents repeats and realleges the allegations of the foregoing Paragraphs 1 through 56 as if fully set forth herein.

58. The Defendants have infringed at least one claim of the '916 patent under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271(a) and/or 271(g), literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, in connection with using, offering to sell, selling, and/or importing into the United States the Accused Products.

59. Attached as Exhibit I is a claim chart demonstrating infringement of representative claims of the '916 patent by a representative Accused Product sold by the Defendants, namely, the AmazonBasics 60W Equivalent, Clear, Soft White, Dimmable, CEC Compliant, B11 (E12 Candelabra Base) LED Light Bulb. Exhibit I is for illustrative pleading purposes only and is not intended to limit the patent claims asserted or the Accused Products at issue in this case. Subject to receiving discovery from the Defendants regarding all of the Accused Products they have used, offered to sell, sold, or imported into the United States, The Regents will disclose its contentions regarding the claims of the '916 patent that are infringed and the Accused Products for which The Regents seeks relief.

60. The Defendants' infringement of the '916 patent has caused and will continue to cause The Regents substantial monetary harm, for which The Regents is entitled to receive compensatory damages in an amount to be determined at trial, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, The Regents respectfully requests the Court to enter judgment in favor of The Regents and against the Defendants as to all claims asserted herein as follows:

A. Granting a judgment that the Defendants have infringed the Asserted Patents in violation of 35 U.S.C. §§ 271(a) and/or 271(g);

B. Ordering the Defendants to pay to The Regents damages adequate to

1 compensate for the infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for
2 the use made of the patented inventions by the Defendants, together with pre-
3 judgment and post-judgment interest and costs as fixed by the Court, in accordance
4 with 35 U.S.C. § 284; and

5 C. Granting The Regents such other and further relief as this Court may
6 deem just and proper.

7 **JURY DEMAND**

8 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38 and Central District of
9 California L.R. 38-1, The Regents demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

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11 Dated: July 30, 2019

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